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Telling the Camp Victory story

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Camp Victory remembers fallen servicemembers

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MNC-I PAO

For 138 years, America has celebrated Memorial Day; a day of reflection, and as Gen. George W. Casey, commanding general, Multi-National Force-Iraq, defined it, a day to “honor the courage, valor and fidelity of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of liberty and for the security of our nation.”

Camp Victory remembered those who gave their lives for the United States during a ceremony at the Al Faw Palace, Monday.

During the ceremony, the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and guest speaker, Zalmay Khalilzad said, “Just as the American Soldiers fought for liberty in the Revolution, to end slavery in the Civil War, to defeat Nazism in World War Two and to stop communism in Korea and Vietnam, you are serving your country in a noble cause. The establishment of a stable and secure Iraq will be a milestone for this vital region.”

Although America fights for liberty, justice and democracy, there is a price

to pay.

Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commanding general, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, reflected on the losses that he said where all too real to him.

“Over the years, I’ve seen the faces of those in the audience and I’ve noticed two distinct groups of people,” he said. “The majority consisted of those respectful to the solemnity of the Memorial Day, but to whom sacrifice was still mainly an abstract concept.

“The second group, however, consisted of those who were reliving memories and to whom service had a name and a face,” he continued. “The Ceremony to them wasn’t just for the



Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commanding general, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, speaks during the Memorial Day ceremony at Al Faw Palace Monday.

nameless servicemembers who gave their lives for our country, but it was to their buddies who had died when it just as easily could have been them, or to their subordinates who fell executing orders they gave.

“Memorial Day became very personal and a painful affair for those who lost someone they knew, he said. “For me, it was these last several Memorial Days, after friends of mine and Soldiers I’ve commanded in Iraq have fallen.”

The ceremony ended with a 21-gun salute performed by Soldiers with the Special Troops Battalion, MNC-I, and the playing of Taps by

Sgt. Benjamin Foss, 76th Army Band, to pay respect to all who have fallen, not just in Iraq, but in every war America has fought.

Camp Victory Three-day forecast

Wednesday



Sunny
High: 113 F
Low: 84 F

Thursday



Sunny
High: 115 F
Low: 85 F

Friday



Mostly Sunny
High: 115 F
Low: 87 F

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Chaplain's corner

Facing the Demons

"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived," Numbers 21:9

I've noticed warnings about the local Iraqi poisonous snakes. Growing up in the country side of North Carolina, there were plenty of poisonous snakes, too. Our home was on a 3 acre wooded site of pine and oak trees – Long and Short Needle Pines; Blackjack, and Turkey Oaks. The fallen brown needles and broad leathery leaves plus an old weathered tree stump provided excellent ground cover and camouflage for all manners of venomous snakes – rattlers, coral and copperheads.

As a small kid, when I was frightened at night, I would pull my blanket over my head in the belief that if I wasn't able to see something it could not hurt me. As an adult, I know the opposite is true; only by facing the demon (whatever it may



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MNC-I Chaplain Office

be) can I defeat it; only by staring directly at my "spiritual wounds" can they be healed like the Israelites in the desert. Only then can I be liberated and healed from my demons and wounds.

The verse today is not always an operations order I am anxious to acknowledge and accept, however. I would much rather complete the mission analysis on what is wrong with someone else – especially the folks I find so difficult to get along with – than look at my own flaws and unhealed hurts.

I know deep down that I must gather all my fears, feelings and pain and lay them at the altar of prayer, especially the anger and the fear that control my choices. Only by acknowledging the ways I try to force things to happen, including my spiritual growth, can I begin to recover from old demons that poison my life. A courageous heart is not something I can accomplish on my own but something that the Holy Spirit vigorously accomplishes in me.

Letters from home

Lt. Col. Jefferey D. Coons, 43rd Military Police Brigade

Honey, I wish you a very Happy Birthday. I am so proud of you and I hope you stay safe. You are the most incredible husband and I love you very much and am looking forward to your return. Your loving wife, Sylvia

MNF-I/MNC-I

HUMAN RELATIONS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
OFFICE

PRESENTS

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL
HARASSMENT(POSH) AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM
(SAPR) TRAINING



LOCATION
AL FAW PALACE BALLROOM

DATES
JUNE 16, 28, & 30

TIMES
10am – Noon

POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS TRAINING IS THE
MNC-I HR/EO OFFICE @ 822-3532/3545



June 3, 2006

8 am

Warrant Officer
Breakfast

Open to Marine & Army Active
and Retired
Warrant Officers

FIRST SATURDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
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STEPS TO A HEALTHIER YOU



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OPERATION WEIGHT LOSS

LUNCH 'N LEARN

JUNE 13, 1200 – 1 pm

BLIZZARD INN

CAMP LIBERTY

Maj. John A. Ruibal, RD

Exciting Presentation!

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'OIF UPDATE'
EACH WEEK**

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Noncommissioned officer induction ceremony

Story and photo by Spc. Curt Squires

MNC-I PAO

The 22nd Signal Brigade's Task Force Adler inducted 76 sergeants into the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers, Saturday.

The 76 inductees were representing nine units that are currently deployed to Camp Victory, Iraq.

"For new NCOs, it is a tradition that lives within the Army and helps symbolize the transition from a Soldier to a noncommissioned officer," said Sgt. Chester Arnett, inductee, Company B, 29th Signal Battalion.

Once the ceremony began, the Soldier's request was performed. The Soldier's request consisted of Soldiers asking their NCO's to educate and train them.

"I ask no greater glory, sergeant, than to defend our country and our way of life against all enemies; both foreign and domestic. Allow me that privilege, Sergeant...train me," a portion of the Soldier's request to his noncommissioned officer.

The lighting of the candles followed the Soldier's request.

The voices of the past, present and future light the symbolic red, white and blue candles.

The red candle represents valor and heartache.



An American Soldier pulls guard during the Task Force Adler Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony, Saturday. Seventy six sergeants were inducted in the ceremony.

The white candle is representative of purity and innocence.

The blue candle stands for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Clark, command sergeant major, 22nd Sig. Bde., proceeded to recite his rendition of Johnnie Cash's, "Ragged Old Flag."

The guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph R. Beam, command sergeant major, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, then addressed the inductees.

"Every time I come to one of these, I try and think of how I felt 28 years ago when I first pinned on my sergeant stripes," Beam said. "...here is what I have learned."

"First, I'd sit down with a piece of paper and write about everything I did not like about when I was an E-1 through E-4; the things that happened to me; that leaders had me doing," Beam continued. "Then pick out the top five and tell yourself I will never do that to another Soldier."

"Then, you take another list of all the great things the sergeants did for you. Then you figure out which ones are the most important and say to yourself, that's what I'm going to do for my Soldiers," he continued.

It feels good to be inducted, said Arnett. It really has me motivated to join the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers.

In the future, I really look forward to leading troops and bringing younger troops into the ranks of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps," he continued.

Avoid a volatile situation.

Stay in the middle of the road.



STAY ALIVE

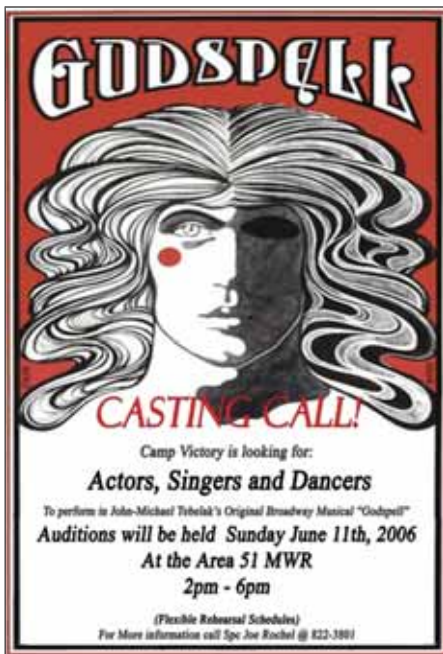
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IEDs KILL

Ingredients for a successful mission



The right mix every time



GODSPELL

CASTING CALL!

Camp Victory is looking for:
Actors, Singers and Dancers

To perform in John-Michael Tebelak's Original Broadway Musical "Godspell"

Auditions will be held Sunday June 11th, 2006
At the Area 51 MWR
2pm - 6pm

(Flexible Rehearsal Schedules)
For More information call Tye Joe Rachel @ 822-3881



Storytellers
Camp Victory Drama Troupe

"Laugh At Us...? Dare Ya!"

Wednesday Nights
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898th Medical Detachment (PM) PRESENTS

**UNIT FIELD SANITATION TEAM
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40 hour training course

Class Dates:
July 24-27 (30 seats available)

Seats are on a first come first serve basis.

TO RESERVE SEATS PLEASE SEND
NAME, UNIT, PHONE NUMBER AND E-
MAIL ADDRESS TO:

Sgt. TIA SKERBECK
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DSN 318-822-2851

Camp Victory Education Center
Building 27 B Texas RD
Camp Victory, Iraq

SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test

The Camp Victory Education Center is
offering the SAT Sunday, June 25 2006

This will be the last SAT Date offered until September

Sign up at the Ed center before June 17. SAT examinations will be by first come first serve
basis. There are only 25 slots for this exam.

The Education Center Will Be Closed June 24 and 25 for Testing

Camp Victory Softball League Registrations

**Last day of registration
is
May 31st**

**Contact Bernard Creque
email:
b_creque@yahoo.com
DSN:
822-2827**

**TASK FORCE DESERT FIGHTER
7.2 MILE RUN**

JUNE 3, 2006 RUN BEGINS AT 6:00 A.M.
EMAIL: DESERTRUNNER@IRAQ.CENTCOM.MIL FOR
REGISTRATION, PLEASE INCLUDE AGE, GENDER, AND UNIT

PRIZES
TOP MALE/ FEMALE PER AGE GROUP
17-24; 25-32; 33-40; 41 & OVER
OVERALL FASTEST MALE/FEMALE
RUNNER

START POINT
STRAWBERRY HILL RD
CAMP LIBERTY
(REFER TO MAP)

**FIRST 350 TO FINISH
WILL RECIEVE A FREE T-SHIRT**

TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTS SOUTH VICTORY
GYM 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30 A.M.
TRANSPORTATION RETURNS
TO SOUTH VICTORY GYM
7:45, 8:00, 8:15, 8:30 A.M.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO !!!!

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Operating hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.

Shoppette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic

Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1
- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon

Legal Assistance/Claims

Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Service Support Centers

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ID Cards

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.




Faces of Freedom
The children of Iraq are important to the future and fate of this country.

Do you have any photo's of the Iraqi children?

If so, send them to james.hunter@iraq.centcom.mil to have them published in the Victory Times.

Please provide information of who, what, when and where.



Camp Victory
Sexual Assault Points of Contacts

Victims and anyone aware of a victim of sexual assault should immediately seek medical treatment and report the incident to the appropriate agency based on the victim's reporting options.

RESOURCE	PHONE	BLDG #	OPTION
TMC (Medical Treatment)	822-2757	126	Restricted or Unrestricted
SARC	822-3545	T-M8	Restricted or Unrestricted
CHAPLAIN	079-01927567	2	Restricted or Unrestricted
UVA	822-2435/3532	T-M8 & AL FAW	Restricted or Unrestricted

MNC-I SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE - 9#-914-360-0149

Your Chain Of Command	---	---	Unrestricted
MPs	822-4790	26	Unrestricted
CID	822-2839	84	Unrestricted
SJA	822-2500	AL FAW	Unrestricted



MNC-I SURGEON'S COMBAT MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER

PRESENTS

COMBAT LIFESAVER CERTIFICATION COURSE

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COURSE

EMT REFRESHER COURSE

Combat Lifesaver Certification Course
17 SEATS PER CLASS
2nd and 4th Thursdays of Every Month

Basic Life Support Course
10 SEATS PER CLASS
1st Friday and 1st Monday of Every Month

EMT Refresher Course
10 SEATS PER CLASS
3rd Monday of Every Month

To reserve a seat or for more information, contact:

Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Davis
Christopher.Davis@iraq.centcom.mil

DSN: 822-1230

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LOCATED AT BUILDING 5

Worship Opportunities

Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)

Sunday:
Traditional Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 10 a.m.
Gospel Protestant Service noon
Latter Day Saints Service 2 p.m.
Episcopal/Lutheran Service 4 p.m.
Contemporary Protestant Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:
7th Day Adventist Service 11 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Monday - Friday
Roman Catholic Service 4 p.m.

Friday:
Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday:
Orthodox:
Orthodox Vespers 5 p.m.
Orthodox Confession 8:30 p.m.
Orthodox Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sunday:
Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10 p.m.

Submit letters from home

Is your loved one deployed in support of Multi-National Corps-Iraq? Would you like to write him or her a message in the Victory Times? Send messages, three to four lines of text to brian.anderson@iraq.centcom.mil. Ensure to include Soldiers name, rank, and unit.

Victory Times welcomes columns, commentaries, articles and letters from our readers. Send submissions or comments to jason.baker@iraq.centcom.mil. We reserve the right to edit for security, accuracy, propriety, policy, clarity and space.



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Pre-mission planning, controls for diminished conditions, and attention to detail are essential for successful mission accomplishment.

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